# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

IN RE: ZANTAC (RANITIDINE) PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION MDL NO 2924 20-MD-2924

JUDGE ROBIN L ROSENBERG MAGISTRATE JUDGE BRUCE REINHART

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THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO: MDL NO 2924

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED** 

Julie Johnson, on behalf of the Estate of Charles Hunger, deceased (Plaintiff Name(s))

# **SHORT-FORM COMPLAINT – VERSION 2**

The Plaintiff(s) named below, by counsel, file(s) this Short Form Complaint against Defendants named below. Plaintiff(s) incorporate(s) by reference the allegations contained in the Amended Master Personal Injury Complaint ("AMPIC") in *In re: Zantac (Ranitidine) Products Lability Litigation*, MDL No. 2924 (S.D. Fla). Plaintiff(s) file(s) this Short-Form Complaint – Version 2 as permitted by Pretrial Order No. 31 and as modified by the Court's Orders regarding motions to dismiss [DE 2532, 2512, 2513, 2515, and 2016].

Plaintiff(s) select(s) and indicate(s) by completing where requested, the Parties and Causes of Actions specific to this case. Where certain claims require additional pleading or case specific facts and individual information, Plaintiff(s) shall add and include them herein.

Plaintiff(s), by counsel, allege as follows:

# I. PARTIES, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE

# A. PLAINTIFF(S)

1. Plaintiff(s) Julie Johnson ("Plaintiff(s)") brings this action (check the applicable designation)

		On behalf of [himself/herself];
		In representative capacity on behalf of the estate of Charles Hunger
	2.	Injured Party is currently a resident and citizen of (City, State)
		—OR—
	Decede Mississ	Decedent died on (Month, Day, Year) February 5, 2014. At the time of ent's death, Decedent was a resident and citizen of (City, State) Picayune, sippi
If any p	arty cla	aims loss of consortium,
	3.	("Consortium Plaintiff") alleges damages for loss of consortium.
4. At the time of the filing of this Short Form Complaint, Consortium Plaint citizen and resident of (City, State)		
	5.	At the time the alleged injury occurred, Consortium Plaintiff resided in (City, State)
		NDANT(S)
	6.	Plaintiff(s) name(s) the following Defendants from the Amended Master Personal Injury Complaint in this action:
		a. Brand-Name Manufacturers: GLAXOSMITHKLINE LLC GLAXOSMITHKLINE (AMERICA) INC. GLAXOSMITHKLINE PLC BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM PHARMACEUTICALS, INC; BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM CORPORATION; BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM USA CORPORATION; PATHEON MANUFACTURING SERVICES LLC
		b. Generic Manufacturers:
		c. Distributors and Repackager:
		d. Retailers:

#### e. Others Not Named in the AMPIC:

# C. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

7. Identify the Federal District Court in which Plaintiff(s) would have filed this action in the absence of Pretrial Order No. 11 (direct filing) [or, if applicable, the District Court to which their original action was removed]:

**United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi** 

8. Jurisdiction is proper upon diversity of citizenship.

#### II. PRODUCT USE

9. The Injured Party used Zantac and/or generic ranitidine: [Check all that apply]

By prescription

Over the counter

10. The Injured Party used Zantac and/or generic ranitidine from approximately January 2011 to October 2013.

#### III. PHYSICAL INJURY

11. As a result of the Injured Party's use of the medications specified above, [he/she] was diagnosed with the following specific type of cancer (check all that apply):

Check all	Cancer Type	Approximate Date of
that		Diagnosis
apply		
	BLADDER CANCER	
	BREAST CANCER	
	COLORECTAL/INTESTINAL CANCER	
	ESOPHAGEAL CANCER	
	GASTRIC CANCER	
	KIDNEY CANCER	

	LIVER CANCER	
	LUNG CANCER	
$\square$	PANCREATIC CANCER	10-15-13
	PROSTATE CANCER	
	OTHER CANCER:	
$\boxtimes$	DEATH (CAUSED BY CANCER)	2-5-2014

12. Defendants, by their actions or inactions, proximately caused the injuries to Plaintiff(s).

# IV. CAUSES OF ACTION ASSERTED

- 13. The following Causes of Action asserted in the Amended Master Personal Injury Complaint are asserted against the specified defendants in each class of Defendants enumerated therein, and the allegations with regard thereto are adopted in this Short Form Complaint by reference.
- 14. By checking the appropriate causes of action below, Plaintiff(s) assert these causes of action based upon the law and applicable Sub-Counts of the following state(s):<sup>1</sup>

Check all that apply	Count	Cause of Action	States for which the cause of action was asserted in the AMPIC
	I	Strict Products Liability – Failure to Warn through Warnings and Precautions (Against Brand-Name Manufacturer Defendants)	All States and Territories, <b>Except</b> DE, IA, MA, NC, PA, and VA
	II	Negligence – Failure to Warn through Warnings and Precautions (Against Brand-Name Manufacturer Defendants)	All States and Territories, <b>Except</b> LA, NJ, OH, and WA
	III	Strict Products Liability – Failure to Warn through Proper Expiration Dates (Against Brand-Name and Generic Manufacturer Defendants)	All States and Territories, <b>Except</b> DE, IA, MA, NC, PA, and VA
	IV	Negligence – Failure to Warn through Proper Expiration Dates (Against Brand-Name and Generic Manufacturer Defendants)	All States and Territories, <b>Except</b> LA, NJ, OH, OK, and WA

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In selecting the relevant states above, Plaintiffs reserve all rights to argue choice of law issues at a later time.

Check all that apply	Count	Cause of Action	States for which the cause of action was asserted in the AMPIC
	V	Negligence - Failure to Warn Consumers through the FDA (Against Brand-Name and Generic Manufacturer Defendants)	CA, DE, DC, HI, IN, KY, LA, MD, MA, MN, MO, NV, NY, OR, and PA
	VI	Strict Products Liability – Design Defect Due to Warnings and Precautions (Against Brand-Name Manufacturer Defendants)	All States and Territories, <b>Except</b> DE, IA, MA, NC, PA, and VA
	VII	Strict Products Liability – Design Defect Due to Improper Expiration Dates (Against Brand-Name and Generic Manufacturer Defendants)	All States and Territories, <b>Except</b> DE, IA, MA, NC, PA, and VA
	VIII	Negligent Failure to Test (Against Brand-Name and Generic Manufacturer Defendants)	KS, TX
	IX	Negligent Product Containers: (Against Brand- Name and Generic Manufacturers of pills)	All States and Territories
	X	Negligent Storage and Transportation Outside the Labeled Range (Against All Retailer and Distributor Defendants)	All States and Territories
	XI	Negligent Storage and Transportation Outside the Labeled Range (Against All Brand-Name and Generic Manufacturer Defendants)	All States and Territories
	XII	Negligent Misrepresentation (Against Brand-Name Manufacturers by Generic Consumers in California)	CA only
	XIII	Reckless Misrepresentation (Against Brand-Name Manufacturers by Generic Consumers in Massachusetts)	MA only
$\boxtimes$	XIV	Unjust Enrichment (Against All Defendants)	All States and Territories
	XV	Loss of Consortium (Against All Defendants)	All States and Territories
	XVI	Wrongful Death (Against All Defendants)	All States and Territories

# V. JURY DEMAND

15. Plaintiff(s) hereby demand(s) a trial by jury as to all claims in this action.

#### VI. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff(s) has/have been damaged as a result of Defendants' actions or inactions and demand(s) judgment against Defendants on each of the above-referenced causes of action, jointly and severally to the full extent available in law or equity, as requested in the Amended Master Personal Injury Complaint.

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